

# Beartooth

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Das Kuchenhaus is a family owned and operated bakery started in 2008 by the Zimbleman family. The goal was to take local ingredients raised on the family farms and develop a variety of classic and European style gourmet baked products for customers in the Southern Montana and Northern Wyoming area. Since the bakery opened, the family has remained dedicated to the success of this enterprise. Deb and Tim Zimbleman and Deb's mother operate the bakery.



Beartooth RC&D Food and Ag staff also assisted the Business using the Business Expansion and Retention program to give them access to an accounting professional.

The Business has is now purchasing a new larger commercial oven that will greatly increase their efficiency allowing them to spend more time in other aspects of the business.

Das Kuchenhaus has joined several local producers to develop a "what's for dinner" menu for visitors to the Billings Farmers Market and the Good Earth Market, which will display all

participants goods with a menu selection that includes meal suggestions utilizing their products.

The total cost of the project is still growing. A new stove is expected to cost approximately \$10,000.00. To date, the project resulted in the retention of 3 jobs and the creation of 1-2 new jobs.

This project is a wonderful example of local entrepreneurship and innovation to a value-added, locally produced commodity.



Beartooth RC&D as a Food and Ag Development Center assisted with the development of an Rural Business Enterprise grant through USDA Rural Development for development of a marketing plan and materials including logo, signage and website design.



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